

gospel and accepting it for the truth's sake. To those who know his real character, his words, however good, have no helpful force. We must judge even by their actual lives, and not by some good results of their work.

#### A FEW OBSERVATIONS DURING A LIFE OF SIXTY-THREE YEARS

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I have just passed my sixty third milestone in life's journey. If I had known in early youth what I know now, my life would have been more useful and satisfactory. Perhaps all old people feel like that.

During my life I have observed many things. A few of them I will jot down. Possibly it may help some one to take heed unto his or her ways.

I have observed that all that glitters is not gold, but often the worst kind of dross.

That often the most homely things are the most useful.

That some people's up to date progression, is the very essence of dudish egotism and vanity.

That education develops, but does not sanctify.

That wealth and talent are very much alike as factors for either good or evil.

That it is a mistake to permit the devil to utilize all the forces and advantages of this life.

That some people would be better off if they would mind their own business more.

That some people have the wrong conception as to what it means to mind one's own business.

That each one's business is to look after the welfare of each other.

That, therefore, the saloon should be abolished for the good—often—of others.

That preachers are just as human as other people.

That—like others—they are not always as good as they ought to be.

That it is injurious to the cause of Christ to always be finding fault with preachers.

That as a class they are as good men as the world affords.

That the best sermons are the one's containing most truth.

That mere Churbanity and true Christianity are different.

That boasting of one's own goodness is extremely selfish.

That Paul in Gal. 5, wrote the truth, with reference to the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

That without conviction of personal sin the fruits of the Spirit are of necessity, ignored.

That good doctrines and poor methods often join hands. While good methods and poor doctrine are co-operative.

That the spirit of Christ and the spirit of war are antagonistic.

That "distance lends enchantment" is often true when a preacher is wanted.

That enthusiasm ought to be as intelligently guarded as anything on earth.

That often preachers are "worn out" be-

cause the church itself is in great need of repairs.

That money for church purposes should be raised by judicious taxation. See II Cor. 16: 1. Note the clause, "As God has prospered him."

That "obedience is better than sacrifice."

That ignorance, superstition, rudeness, vice and debauchery are of the devil, and that so called aristocracy is of the same parentage.

That "all ye are brethren" is one of the grandest principles ever enunciated.

That popular opinion is not always correct.

That men need more sympathy than they usually get from each other.

That we do not love God as we ought to.

That there is too much cowardice in pulpit and pew.

That if the church as seen by human vision constitutes the kingdom of Christ, that kingdom is terribly subject to corruption. Now unsheath your pen swords, Oh, ye critics.

If this manuscript don't go to the waste basket I may give you some more of my life's observations.

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#### WHAT GREAT MEN HAVE SAID ABOUT WAR

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"War is not the triumph of righteousness. It is the triumph of brute force. Can anything be conceived more unchristian, more irrational, than the present mode by which international quarrels are commonly adjusted?"—*Bishop Fraser.*

"The mere existence of the prophecy, 'They shall learn war no more,' is a sentence of condemnation on war."—*Dr. Chalmers.*

"War is nothing less than a temporary repeal of the principles of virtue."—*Robert Hall.*

"God is forgotten in war; every principle of Christianity is trampled upon."—*Sydney Smith.*

"Shall Christians assist the Prince of Hell, who was a murderer from the beginning, by telling the world of the benefit or the need of war?"—*John Wesley.*

"War is as contrary to the spirit of Christianity as murder."—*Dr. Adam Clarke.*

"I will venture to say this, that if all the ministers of Christ's gospel were with one voice, constantly, courageously, earnestly, to preach to the nations the Truce of God, and were to denounce war, not merely as costly and cruel and barbarous, but as essentially and eternally unchristian, another war in the civilized world would become impossible."—*Henry Richard.*

"You have no right to divorce your system of politics from your system of morals. There are no two sides to that silver shield."—*Lord Carnarvan.*

"War is a most detestable thing. If you had seen but one day of war, you would pray God that you might never see another."—*Duke of Wellington.*

These excerpts have been taken by me

from a small book called, "Dymond on War," which can be obtained free by any minister who will send stamps to The American Peace Society, No. 3, Somerset St., Boston, Mass. It is a book which every lover of peace should have. I subjoin some testimonies from eminent men which I have collected.

"I may be laughed at and pointed to as one with old-fogy notions, but I know something of war. It is unpleasant business."—*Admiral Schley, in Chicago Record, June 18, 1898.*

"How nearly is mankind related to devils. When one reflects upon the ghastly cruelties which the strong have always practiced on the weak, it is hard to have hope of our race. Listening to those who defend war with its indescribable barbarities, one can but fear that demons and men are so closely related that the blessed millennium so long promised will never come. War always was a desolating and satanic outrage against that spirit of love, which is God: 'God is love.' \* \* \* And while we read of the politicians and principal people, who, to please Jezebel, stoned Naboth to death, we think of those who for politics and plunder, will lead whole nations into war. When will the spirit of our gentle Jesus triumph over this evil spirit of wrong?"—*J. L. Withrow, pastor of Fourth Presbyterian church of Chicago, in Chicago Record, of July 30, 1898.*

"All warfare is an atrocity, a wholesale breaking of the divine command."—*Sylvester Baxter, one of the foremost journalists of the day in Review of Reviews, Sept. '98, p. 314.*

"War is hell,"—*Gen. W. T. Sherman, as quoted by Chas. C. Dana in McClure's '98.*

Victor Hugo in commenting on the battle of Waterloo it signified, "The fall of force, the defeat of war." And adds, "Thank heaven, nations are great, independently of the lugubrious feats of the sword." He further adds, "We are not of the number of those who flatter war; when the occasion presents itself, we tell the truth about it. War has frightful beauties which we have not concealed; it has also, we acknowledge, some hideous features." This from a Frenchman, one of a nation whose chief glory, as they believe, is their military glory. And lastly, One greater than them all said, "They that take the sword shall perish by the sword." "My kingdom is not of this world, else would my servants fight that I should not be delivered."

Waterloo Iowa, Jan. 27, 1901.

#### "CROSS THE LINE"

It may be regarded somewhat audacious for an humble contributor to criticise the editor, but in EVANGELIST No. 5 there is a small editorial under the above caption that calls not only for criticism but for a protest; it reads as follows:

"We think of death as the line which divides between misery and happiness; and whatever our experience may be in this pilgrimage, whatever of profound sorrow and deep disappointment, we look forward to the